



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

Manistee, MI

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Manistee was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Located along the shore of Lake Michigan, Manistee (population 6,586) is a rural community with a history of a thriving industrial and shipping economy dating back to the 1870s. That economy has deteriorated over time, leaving abandoned industrial buildings, blight, and contaminated sites. The city's poverty rate is 11.1 percent, and the unemployment rate is 11.9 percent. Half of the city's 96 brownfields are in the two industrial areas targeted for assessment, the Manistee Peninsula Redevelopment Area and the North Manistee Lakefront Industrial Corridor. These brownfields are located near bodies of water, posing potential threats to human health and the environment. When brownfields are assessed and cleaned up, the



Assessment Grants



\$197,000 for hazardous substances
\$197,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Manistee for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to perform eight Phase I and up to six Phase II environmental site assessments in two target areas, and conduct community outreach activities. Petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct the same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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city plans to use them for marinas and boating facilities, and mixed commercial, retail, and residential buildings. Brownfields redevelopment will create jobs for local residents, increase tax revenues, and spur spin-off economic activity with area services and retail businesses.